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Analissa F. Sarno

Analissa transferred to CSUSM from University of San Diego to work with *Emiliana huxleyi* in Dr. Betsy Read's molecular biology laboratory. Analissa became a Minority Access to Research Careers (MARC) scholar during the summer of 2009, when she began working on the *E. huxleyi* Genome Project. Analissa's contribution to this project resulted in a co-authorship on the Nature paper detailing *Emiliana's* pan genome and its genetic diversity. During the summer of 2010 Analissa was a Summer Student Fellow at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, working with Dr. Sonya Dyhrman on the brown tide forming algae *Aureococcus anophagefferens*. Analissa worked with the Office of Community Service Learning to develop several programs to enhance science curriculum in elementary school classrooms in the CSUSM area. Due to her hard work, outstanding academic performance and dedication to research, Analissa received the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship in spring of 2013. This summer Analissa will be attending the Microbial Diversity summer course at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, MA.



David Vazquez

David's research involves building 3D reconstructions of human brains and analyzing cortical morphometric differences with cognitive abilities. He is also interested in how motivational differences within individuals explains executive functioning differences between individuals. David attended Riverside Community College until he transferred to CSU San Marcos in 2007 where the MARC program help him earn Cum Laude in Psychology in 2010. After a year on the Eugene Cota Robles fellowship, David is receiving funding for his research from a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship.

Graduate Roundtable Discussion



Evelyn Mercado

Evelyn obtained her Bachelor's degree in Psychology from CSU San Marcos in 2010. While at CSU San Marcos she was a RISE scholar and conducted research under the direction of Dr. Keith Trujillo examining the developmental effects of opiates in the rat model. She also competed in the annual student research competition and was chosen as a finalist to represent CSU San Marcos at the CSU wide research competition two years in a row. At Purdue University, she was a recipient of the Outstanding Masters Student Award from the College of Health and Human Sciences. During her time at Purdue she worked with Dr. Leah Hibbel examining the influence of work and parenting stressors on diurnal physiological functioning in mothers and preschoolers. She also collaborated with Dr. German Posada conducting studies on mother-child attachment relationships in naturalistic settings. At UC Davis she is continuing her work with Dr. Leah Hibbel examining the effects of marital conflict on parenting behavior and parent-child stress physiology. In addition, she is currently collaborating with Dr. Paul Hastings assessing children's emotion and physiological regulation in response to emotion eliciting tasks. As a doctoral student she has presented at several conferences including the Society for Neuroscience and the Society for Research in Child Development. She has also attended the annual meeting for the International Society for Developmental Psychobiology. After obtaining her PhD she hopes to become a professor and run her own research program examining the effects of family stressors on psychological and physiological well-being.

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Join us for our

“Graduate Roundtable Discussion”



Former CSUSM-OTRES Students will share their experiences and answer your questions about getting into graduate school.



Analissa F. Sarno entered the doctoral program in Microbiology at Arizona State University, School of Life Sciences in Fall 2013, where she plans to work on microbial systems associated with peatlands and their role in carbon cycling and greenhouse gas production.



David Vazquez is currently in his fourth year of the Cognitive Neuroscience Ph.D. program at the University of California Riverside.



Evelyn Mercado began her graduate studies in the Human Development and Family Studies doctoral program at Purdue University in 2010. After completing her Master's degree at Purdue University she transferred to UC Davis, where she will complete her PhD in the department of Human Development and Family Studies.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

12:00-2:30 PM
Commons 206

Lunch will be Provided

RSVP to pmrivas@csusm.edu by Wednesday, April 9